



The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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March 3, 2024

10:00 AM

Prelude

Introit: *Pie Jesu*

Andrew Lloyd Weber arr. Douglas Wagner

Handbell Quartet: Old Lyme Ringers

*Processional Hymn: #464, "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

*Call to Worship:

Our Lenten journey shall take us all the way to Jerusalem, all the way to the cross.

It is a journey we take together, and yet also a journey each of us makes alone.

We carry little with us but that which is in our hearts:

Hope, trust, fear, anguish, wonder, sorrow.

We trust God to meet us along the way, as we rest and sing and pray and listen.

In our waking and in our sleeping along this Lenten path,

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #471, "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me "

Children's Message

Travis Harden

Hymn: #364 "This Little Light of Mine"

(First verse only, as children proceed downstairs. Congregation remains seated.)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Anthem: *Loving Shepherd of the Sheep*

John Rutter (born 1945)
Soloist - Lisa Feltes

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Response: *As We Are Gathered*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "As we are gathered, Je - sus is here; one with each oth - er, Je - sus is here. Joined by the Spir - it built up in love, part of the bod - y, the church of God." The score includes markings for "Refrain" at the beginning, "Fine" at the end of the second system, and "to Refrain" at the end of the third system.

Scripture: I Samuel 17 (Selected Passages), Luke 9: 51, Luke 24: 32

Sermon: "Smooth Stones, Gathered Along the Road"

Rev. Steven R. Jungkeit
and Rev. Susan Switzer

*Hymn: #467, "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

We thank you for worshipping with us. Following the life and teachings of Jesus, we are a church that strives to be a place of grace, welcoming all regardless of theological expression, age, race, gender, sexual identity, national origin or financial means. In our Church Constitution we recognize that "each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the word of God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience, under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit." The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, established in 1665, cherishes this proud Pilgrim tradition. We are honored by your presence among us, and we invite you to help us become what we endeavor to be.

Choir Anthems Today

Offertory Anthem: “Loving Shepherd of the Sheep”

John Rutter (born 1945)
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Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep, nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand. I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey, like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy perfect love. Loving shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear; suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way. Where thou ledest I would go, walking in thy steps below, till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known. Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep, nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.

Scripture Readings

I Samuel 17 (Selected Passages)

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle. Saul and the Israelites gathered and encamped in the valley of Elah and formed ranks against the Philistines. The Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants, but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening.

Now David said to Saul, the king, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father,

and whenever a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth, and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. David said, “The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the Lord be with you!”

Then David took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the wadi and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, so that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear, for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give you into our hand.”

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Luke 9: 51

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem.

Luke 24: 32

They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

The flowers this morning given in loving memory of Bob Webster.

The host for the Fellowship Hour this morning is Cathy Mathis.

The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriame.

Memorial Service for Bob Regan, There will be a memorial service for Bob Regan in the Meetinghouse on Sunday, March 10th at 3pm in the afternoon. A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship hall.

LBS March Luncheon, Tuesday March 12th, 12:00-2:00pm: We welcome everyone to come join us for some fellowship, delicious food, and an entertaining historical program at the Ladies Benevolent Society. The menu includes Chicken Marbella over buttered egg noodles and steamed green beans, followed by a wonderful homemade dessert is on the luncheon menu. The post meal program, beginning at 1pm, will be a presentation by Lucretia Bingham, grand-daughter of Hiram Bingham who rediscovered Manchu Picchu. Ms. Bingham, a writer and painter, who followed her grandfather's steps along the Inca Trail, will present "Invaders of an Ancient Culture: Conquistadors, Explorers, and Tourists in Peru."

Suggested donation is \$5 per person, plus a nonperishable food item or a package of disposable diapers for the Food or Diaper Banks. If you plan to join us at the luncheon, please call the FCCOL office at (860) 434-8686 by Friday, March 8th to make a reservation so we can be sure to have enough food prepared for all to enjoy.

Soup Bowl Supper - THIS FRIDAY! The Soup Bowl Supper makes its triumphant return on Friday, March 8th, 5:00-7:00 pm. Choose from an assortment of amazing handcrafted bowls donated by Walt's Pottery and friends. Enjoy delicious homemade soups and donate to a great cause! Proceeds will go toward the church's food pantry and food ministry programs. We hope you'll join us!

Church World Service Blanket Drive: Currently in Texas, lightweight fleece blankets are being distributed to families being displaced by wildfires. The blankets are flame resistant and also being used by firefighters. Last year several places in Colorado received fleece and wool blankets during floods. The blankets are waterproof and helpful when people have to be rescued by boats. Samples of these blankets are displayed near the pulpit. Each blanket costs only \$10. Please make checks payable to LBS. CWS envelopes are available in the pews and may be put in the offering plate or sent to FCCOL c/o LBS, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme CT 06371.

Walking in their Footsteps: A 5-day Civil Rights Learning Trip for Teens during April vacation from April 6th-11th. We will fly round trip to Atlanta, Georgia and visit sights there and drive to Birmingham, Alabama among other places. For more information or to reserve a spot, email Jolene Brant at jmbrant2023@gmail.com.

Senior Center Luncheons: The Lymes' Senior center will be holding their luncheons in the Church's Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week for the foreseeable future while their facility on Town Woods Road undergoes a major renovation. Any questions about attending the luncheons should be directed to the Senior Center's executive Director, Stephanie Gould, 860-514-5425.

Bible Study: Bible Study meets on Thursdays, 11am-12pm in the library. Available also on Zoom. All are welcome!

The Bible is chock full of legendary characters, strange plot twists, tricksters and thieves, mystics and musicians as well as the horror and the holy within its pages. How does it all end up and what's love got to do with it? We're making our way through Genesis and someday we'll get to the book of Revelation. Join us!

Book for Sale by Prue Allen

The book entitled "Accidental Activist," a first-hand account of Prue Allen's work with Martin Luther King Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement, is now for sale at Fellowship Coffee Hours after worship services. The book was self published and the price is \$40.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, March 4th at 10:00 am in Sheffield Auditorium.

ARC Blood Drive Tuesday, March 5th 1-6pm in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Center Luncheon Tuesday, March 5th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Center Luncheon Wednesday, March 6th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bell Ringers Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Choir Wednesday, March 6th at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study Thursday, March 7th at 11:00 am in the Library.

Senior Center Luncheon Thursday, March 7th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Soup Bowl Supper Friday, March 8th at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Food Pantry Saturday, March 9th, 8:30-10:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Memorial Service for Robert Regan, Sunday, March 10th at 3pm.



Easter Schedule



Easter Memorial Music and Flowers

As in years past, you can make a donation to our Easter Memorial Music and/or Flowers.

Prior to March 22nd, please email the church office (fccol@fccol.org) or include a note with your check, with your name and the names for whom you would like a memorial or honorary dedication.

Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024

A 6:00 pm service of communion and sacred music.
A reading of Dante's "Purgatorio" will follow at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday March 29, 2024

Meetinghouse open for prayer and meditation.

Easter Sunrise Service March 31, 2024

6:15 am at Griswold Point
(if you need directions, call the church).

Easter Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

Childcare will be available at the 9 o'clock service.
Sunday School will not meet, but will resume on April 7th at 10 am.

Everyone is invited to sign a postcard addressed to our Senators, Chris Murphy & Richard Blumenthal as well as President Joe Biden, encouraging them to enforce a ceasefire in Gaza.

Postcards will be available in the vestibule and at the Fellowship hour.